

Remarks

The below-signed attorney sent a facsimile-transmitted proposed Amendment to Examiner Kanof on 15 March 2004. After leaving voice messages in each of several follow-up telephone calls, Examiner Kanof never responded. The present amendment incorporates and supercedes that proposed Amendment, and the Examiner may now disregard that proposed Amendment.

The 8 March 2004 Final Office Action rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as failing to recite a connection to the technological arts. The Final Office Action stated that the claims would be deemed statutory if they recited a connection to the technological arts.

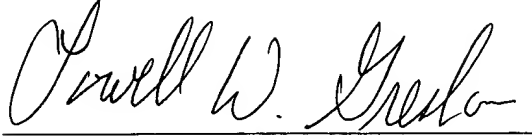
The present Amendment amends all independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 16, and 20) to recite a connection to the technological arts. All claims now recite, either directly or indirectly by dependency on another claim, operations that take place on a computer system. Thus, the connection to the technological arts is clearly stated. Since the connection to the technological arts is clearly set forth, the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection is overcome.

The Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the rejections and objections recited in the 8 March 2004 Final Office Action and that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner have any questions or wish to discuss the amendments herein, the examiner is respectfully

invited to telephone the below-listed attorney for a speedy
telephonic resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lowell W. Gresham", written over a horizontal line.

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